Site Council Minutes - December 7, 2015

**Staff:** Dale Lass, Jeff Johll, Brenda Duvel, Peggy Hoeger, Christy Watson, Jesi Duve, Joanne Carty, RaeAnn Ehlers, Joe Carter, Danette Nilles-Putchio, Amy Palm, Amy Glennon, Pam Schwendinger, Amy Unmacht, David Ruehs, Julie Roos, Tina Knockel

**District:**

**Parents:** Ryan Kilburg, Peggy Russell, Jennifer Lewis, George Gislon, Dean Beresford, Kenneth Offerman, Jen Herrig, Doug Rousch, Colin Scott, Jeff Szalkowski, Amber Vaske, Shawn Wagner, Paul Suarez,

**Students:** Elaina Russel, Madison Lewis, George Gilson, Mia Beresford, Julia Offerman, Madison Herrig, Teagan Roush, Erin Scott, Madie Vosberg, Kaelyn Lochner, Jenna Wagner.

**Community:**

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as written.

**Parent Concerns:** No concerns

**Student Concerns:** No concerns

**Teacher Concerns:** Mrs. Knockel asked if Mr. Rheingans will be coming to talk about the budget. Mr. Lass responded no, but that he would be sharing tonight.

**Student Council Report –** Mrs. Duve reported that student council has added an Instagram account. That is ERMSStuCo. Last Friday was the winter dance and it was a great success. There will be an ugly sweater contest on 12/18. The council is looking into having a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

**Lego League – Mrs. Unmacht –** The Lego League competition took place here at Roosevelt this past weekend. Roosevelt will be sending 2 teams to the state level. Way to go Raptors! Other district teams qualified as well.

**Presentation on State Budget Process –** Mr. Lass discussed the difference between the taxed funding stream and the non-taxed funding stream. Non-taxed include activity, nutrition, trust and agency, and others. Taxed include child care, playground equipment and recreation, debt service, capital projects, PPEL, management, and general fund.

Where does the general fund money go? 81% to pay salaries. The past allowable growth has been approximately 4%. In 2010, the state reduced it to 0 allowable growth. The following year it was raised to 2.5%, then to 4%, and this year, 1.5%.

Mr. Lass discussed the amount of unspent balance in the district. In 2012, we had about $16 million. Right now we have about $7.5 million. When we went to 0% allowable growth, the amount of the unspent balance dropped.

We don’t need to worry about where we are, we need to worry about where we are going. We need to have a better estimate from the state in terms of what they are going to supply in terms of funding.

The general fund can receive resources though property taxes, ISL, the state foundation formula, and other sources such as charities.

Last year the school district requested 6%, the governor agreed to 1.25% from the state foundation formula. The decision on the amount came very late and planning for the school year was done before the district administration knew what funds they would be working with.

So where do we cut? Building operating funds such as paper, repairs, and so on. To remain financially solvent this year, schools took a 20% cut in building operating funds.

Mr. Lass discussed our specific building dollar amounts. Last year we had an operating budget allocated of $100,086 and we spent $110,142. The excess was paid for using carry over funds. This year we have an allocation of $88,858. We have budgeted $93,858 which will use $5000 in carry over funds. Year to date we have paid out $34,291 and have another $26,795 encumbered for a total of $61,086. Mr. Lass feels that we are right on track.

Mr. Lass discussed $6600 worth of unforeseen expenses that we have had thus far.

Mr. Lass discussed the non-categorical supplies budget, the printing costs. Other expenses included field trips. We are cutting printing and field trips. (By law, we cannot charge parents for fieldtrips.) Mailings have been cut.

We are okay for this year, the question is what will happen next year. Mr. Lass shared contact information regarding the state legislators who should be contacted with our concerns regarding school funding for next year.

A question was raised regarding how much carry over money is left. Mr. Lass responded stating approximately $15,000. Not knowing what the budgets will be for next few years, he is hesitant to spend it all out this year. Another question was posed regarding where Iowa stands now in terms of dollars spent per student. Mr. Lass responded that we’ve dropped from 35th to into the 40s. Mr. Lass shared a webpage that has the addresses of the state legislators. Parents, students, and teachers may wish to write emails to the lawmaker's if they so choose.

**Discussion AIW adoption data –** Mr. Ruehs presented baseline data regarding professional development and implementation of AIW as well as data regarding the use of data analysis for instructional decision making. Teachers will take the survey again in the spring. Teachers are just learning the process.

**Discussion of Data concerning Grade Distribution –** Mr. Lass shared data regarding grade distribution of D and F grades for students for the first trimester.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1st.